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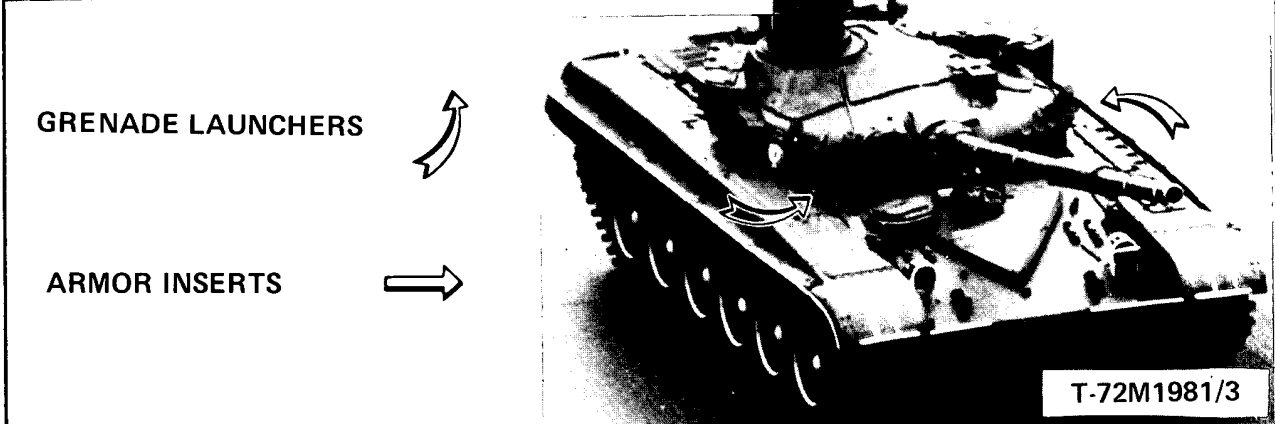
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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE:
T-72 M1986/1 Identification Features

COMMENT: The T-72 M1986/1, first seen in the November 1986 Moscow Parade, has a turret distinctly different from previously observed T-72 series tanks. The turret has a cavity on either side of the gun tube which has been filled with an unknown material. The slight increase in turret size over the T-72 M1981/3 suggests that an increase in armor protection has been achieved. The grenade launchers have also been relocated from the turret front to the turret left, providing a distinct identification feature.



T-72M1986/1



GRENADE LAUNCHERS

ARMOR INSERTS

T-72M1981/3

LOCATION(S) USSR Soviet Forces in Eastern Europe	DATE(S) November 1986	INFORMATION SOURCE DATA Parade Photography
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